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I have the honour to transmit, annexed hereto, the report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty, entitled "The Responsibility to Protect".

In the Millennium Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at the fifty-fifth session, the gathered heads of State and Government agreed that they not only have separate responsibilities to their individual societies, but also a collective responsibility and a duty to the world's most vulnerable people. Mr. Secretary-General, in your report to the Millennium Assembly, you further challenged Member States to consider how the international community should reconcile its response to massive violations of humanitarian norms in the context of respect for the sovereign rights of States.

The annexed report is a considered response to this challenge. It is the product of the deliberations of a geographically broad-based commission following consultations in each of the major geographic regions of the world. I understand that the Security Council has considered this report during a recent retreat. My Government believes it would be beneficial if this report were brought to the attention of the broader membership of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 44 of the provisional agenda.

(*Signed*) Paul **Heinbecker**
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